

Parents VS. Teenagers

Teenagers have always fought with their parents over the rules they have put in place. This is a fad that all teenagers have, had, and will have. For example, it happens now with teenagers always wining about all the chores or the curfews they have and saying how it is unfair. It also happened when my parents where teens and they were living at home. Also, I can bet you that it will continue to happen in the future.

In my house we don't have that many rules that we need to follow. Some of the rules that we have include doing chores, doing our homework when we first get home, and we aren't a loud to curse and swear. Our rules in the house are serious but that all depends on how far you broke the rule. For example, say I had a curfew that was 10:00 PM and I came home at 1:00 AM, I would get a serious punishment. But if my curfew was 10:00 Pm and I came home at 10:25 my parents would just let it slide. The rules in my family are pretty fair in my opinion. I feel that they only have these rules so that they can keep me safe because they love me.

Where there are rules there are always punishments. In my case there are only two or three punishments that my mom likes to use. These punishments are losing my phone, be grounded, or not a loud to go out and hang with my friends. The way I feel about these punishments all depends on what I am being punished for. For example if I lose my cell phone over being twenty minutes late for curfew I would find that unfair, but if I was an hour late that would be a different story. The way I feel about the punishment I reserve also depends on what mood I am in. For example, if I just got home from having a bad day and my mom grounds me I would feel that she punished me for no reason and that it was unfair, but if I had just been out having a good time with friends and I stay out to long and I get punished then I would feel that it was a fair punishment. If you would as my mom if these forms of punishments work she would probable say that they don't work because I still do the things I do, but I feel that when threatened with a punishment I do stop doing the things that I was doing.

As I said in the introduction, this happens now, in the past, and it will happen in the future. My parents told me how they had rules when they were teenagers and they felt that their parents were being unfair too. They told me how they had to do lots of chores and help

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out around the house just like I do. They told me that the reason they give us chores to do is so that we have a work ethic when we go out in the world as adults. They also had a curfew like many kids these days. They told me that the reason they give us a curfew is so that we aren't out all night causing trouble. My mom told me that she put her punishments from the when she was a kid in effect with me and my brothers. So that means that she had the same punishments as I do. Cool isn't it how your parents are actually trying to teach you something when they give you rules and punishments.

Teens and their parents will always fight over the rules that they have. I guess it's all a part of life and growing up. It was very interesting to find out that my mom has taken her childhood rules and put them in effect on us. This made me realize that even my parents were once winey teenagers that didn't like their parent's rules. I hope this helps people to understand why their parents do what they do.